

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORT SUPPLY OF NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the short supply of NCERT text books in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some of the text books prescribed for the students of Class XII were not available with NCERT till August, 2007;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has fixed the responsibility for the delay;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against the erring officials; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to get the books published on time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)&(b) New textbooks in accordance with the National Curriculum Framework-2005 were introduced by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for classes I, III, VI, IX and XI in the academic session 2006-07 and for Classes II, IV, VII, X and XII in the academic session 2007-08. Most of the textbooks meant for Classes X and XII were released in adequate quantity by April, 2007. Also the reprint version of textbooks for remaining classes were made available in the market. In all 4,88,30,000 copies consisting of 222 titles were printed during the academic session 2007-08.

(c) to (e) Most of the books for Class XII were available at the beginning of the academic session 2007-08. In case of the following two titles, the printed copies were made available from 3rd August, 2007:

- (i) The Themes in Indian History, Part III, Class XII,
- (ii) Bhartiya Itihas Ke Kuch Ansh, Bhag III, Class XII.

Part III of the History textbook was required only after completion of Parts I & II which had been provided to the students well in time.

(f) NCERT takes all steps to bring out new textbooks in time, while keeping in mind the need to adhere to quality aspects. NCERT has substantially increased the print order of textbooks. It has a large network of wholesale agents throughout the country to distribute the textbooks. In addition, the books are also available at NCERT sales counters in Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Guwahati. NCERT textbooks are also available on its website: www.ncert.nic.in.